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SUBJECT: LITHUANIA WELCOMES U.S. OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS TO PRT

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[1](#)1. This cable contains an action request in para 3.

[1](#)2. DCM informed MFA Undersecretary Dalius Cekuolis March 8, per reftel, of the USG plan to assign a State Department Officer (retired FSO Michael Metrisko) and a USAID officer to the Lithuanian-led Provincial Reconstruction Team in Chagcharan, Afghanistan. Cekuolis expressed delight at the USG's gesture, and said he would be interested in meeting Metrisko during Cekuolis's visit to Washington April 4-5. We understand, however, that Metrisko is likely to be in Afghanistan at that time.

[1](#)3. We request the Department's assistance in arranging a conference call between Metrisko and GOL officials before Metrisko departs for Afghanistan. Alternatively, should Metrisko's schedule change making him available for a meeting with Cekuolis prior to Metrisko's departure for Afghanistan, we request that the Department facilitate such a meeting during the Undersecretary's visit.
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